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Tax Booklet Mailing Signals Start Of 2001 Tax Filing Season

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Revenue has begun mailing tax instruction booklets to Georgia's taxpayers in preparation for the 2001 tax-filing season.

As it has done in previous years, the Department is not mailing a booklet to taxpayers who have filed an electronic return.

Last year approximately 1.2 million Georgians used an electronic method to file their return.

"We encourage every taxpayer to file electronically," said Bobby Goolsby, Director of the Department's Income Tax Division. "It's more accurate and can speed up your refund."

Goolsby said that telefiling is being expanded this year to include married couples filing joint returns.

"To be eligible for telefiling, you must receive a federal telefile booklet from the Internal Revenue Service. Telefiling has the same benefits as other electronic filing methods. However, taxpayers must file their state and federal returns together using any electronic method," Goolsby explained.

Individuals needing assistance with either their electronic or paper return can contact one of the Department's 11 regional offices, visit the DOR website at www.gatax.org, or call 404-417-4477 within the metro Atlanta area. Outside the metro area call 877-602-8477.

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